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PAIR FROM SALEM CHARGED WITH DRUG AND GUN CRIMES

BOSTON, MA - Two Salem men were charged today by a federal grand jury with various drug and gun crimes.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in New England (ATF), announced today that **RANDY GREGOIRE**, 26, and **DEREK MARTEL**, 26, both of whom last lived at 320 Lafayette, Street, Salem, were charged in a six-count indictment with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine. **GREGOIRE** was also charged with additional counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine, unlawful possession of firearms, and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes.

According to the indictment and documents previously filed with the court, it is alleged that **GREGOIRE** and **MARTEL** were selling cocaine in July 2006, from their apartments in Salem. A search warrant executed by the Salem Police Department, the Marblehead Police Department, and the ATF on July 27, 2006, at their apartments resulted in the recovery of more than 700 grams of cocaine and more than 300 grams of crack cocaine, as well as five firearms.

If convicted, both men face up to life imprisonment, with a mandatory ten years in federal prison. **GREGOIRE** faces an additional mandatory minimum five years in prison if he is convicted of possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes. Any such additional term of imprisonment must be served consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Salem and Marblehead Police Departments. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Q. Feeley in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendants are presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.